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Minister Simon Coveney,  
Department of Housing, Planning,  
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Custom House,  
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**Re: Motor Tax Service**

Dear Minister Coveney,

I refer to the Motor Tax Service as operated by Dublin City Council across the jurisdiction of the four Dublin Local Authorities (Dublin City, Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown). Dublin City Council's Strategic Policy Committee considered service changes to the Motor Tax Service at its meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017. These service changes relate to the abolition of vehicle licences (tax discs) as has been implemented in the UK and Northern Ireland. I attach a copy of the report for your consideration.

The Finance SPC agreed that Dublin City Council supports protocols to abolish the requirement for the issuing of vehicle licences (tax discs). The SPC also noted that a review of the operation of the Motor Tax Service is being carried out by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. Also the SPC understands that the Comptroller and Auditor General will very shortly issue a report on the efficacy of the current framework. The SPC requested that any developments in this regard be communicated to the SPC, through the Chairperson, at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



**Councillor Ruairí McGinley**  
**Chairperson, Finance Strategic Policy Committee**